

Rick Wiersma, High School Principal

Student Count

9- 63

10- 83

11- 82

12- 78

306

Staffing

No Changes

Curriculum

No changes

Past Events

11/30- Winter Band Concert- The MSHS Band did an amazing job entertaining parents and community members at their band concert. The jazz band was also featured and did a great job. Thanks for Mrs. Gross for her hard work organizing this event.

12/1- Miranda McNeil officially signed to attend CMU next year. The Pioneer Newspaper was in attendance to document her decision.

12/14- Our MSHS Student Council is hosting a “Cocoa and Cram” after school so that students can take advantage of an opportunity to meet with teachers, sip hot chocolate, and study for exams prior to exam week.

Upcoming Events

12/18-12/19- Semester 1 Final Exams

12/20/23 - 1/2/24- No School due to Winter Break

1/3/24- Semester 2 Begins

Dale Rogers, Middle School Principal

6 - 85

7 - 80

8 - 69

234

Middle School

Middle Schoolers finished FastBridge testing

The MakerSpace Grant was approved. Room 204 will be converted the week of January 29th

A Grant Aquaponics has been received for \$1500

A Grant for headphones and mice has been received for \$1080

Mrs. Kangas took her students on a Field Trip to Cognition in Beulah Mi and fun was had by all students.

Athletics

Middle School Boys Basketball Finished.

Varsity Basketball is in the beginning of their season.

Winter Cheer has also started

John Nawrot, Morley Stanwood Elementary Principal

November 29: At our bi-monthly staff meeting, I updated staff on our most recent School Index. There is still work to be done, but I am thrilled with the increase from 44.39 to 64.30. Our scores indicate that most students are demonstrating solid academic growth. We will work to maintain this growth and hopefully will see proficiency trend upward as well.

December 1: I met with James (Jim) Klawitter from SEC Consulting for nearly 3 hours as we worked to conduct a security assessment of Morley Stanwood Elementary School. This meeting included an interview, review of security protocols and processes, and a building walkthrough. Jim and his firm will be making a final report with recommendations to Mr. Cole in the future.

December 4-8: Most students completed their Winter Benchmark Assessments during this time. After winter break students will be recognized for being in the Top 10 of their grade level, achieving a growth percentile score at or above the 85th percentile. This is part of our ongoing efforts to emphasize the importance of assessments like Fastbridge and M-STEP.

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December 5: I participated in the second of four days of training on the topic of being a Title I Principal. This training is important to stay up to date on changes to school improvement, federal grant requirements, and the like. I bring key ideas from these training sessions back to the school improvement team and whole staff as we work to improve programming and operations at MSE.

December 11-19: Elementary staff and students have been invited to participate in 7 days of holiday spirit fun. We are working in make sure these days are accessible to more of our students/families and hopefully increasing participation.

Ongoing Matters:

The elementary behavior interventionist, Katie Doyle, has been on maternity leave since the end of October. MSE has been blessed to have Mrs. Amber Zwiers, a title I paraprofessional, as a substitute in that role. Mrs. Zwiers has performed a very difficult assignment at a high level. Her presence has allowed me to focus on other matters such as teacher observations, data mining, and more.

Enrollment:

2023-2024	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
DK	15	14	14	14
Kdg.	66	70	71	72
1st	75	73	74	75
2nd	65	65	67	68
3rd	66	67	67	67
4th	80	78	82	82
5th	63	64	63	63
ECSE	13	13	14	14
Total	443	444	452	455

Jamey Nelson, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Director

Curriculum

Continued - Implement with fidelity and review gaps.

Assessment

Mid year assessments are beginning. We should see three data points from end of year testing until mid year testing. This will give us a picture of where to trouble shoot prior to the testing window.

Professional Development

Continued - January is our next professional development day. It will be an extension of the priority standards training we started in August. Tested standards are at the forefront to improve our state assessment scores. This continues to lead us to standards based instruction and learning which is skilled centered growth over task completion.

School Improvement

MICIP platform has been updated for the 2023-2024 school year. Review is on 12-14-23 to update progress and begin planning for the 2024-2025 school year.

School Safety

We had our safety review walkthrough with S.E.C. (Secure Environment Consultants). We did not have any glaring deficiencies. We will receive a detailed report of suggested improvements over time.

Phil Stier, Technology Director

Construction is still the main focus and progress is being made. Cabling is wrapping up in the new additions at all locations. Access points have been installed and final tie in is expected soon. The day after school releases for break, all of the smart panels are being installed in the classrooms. During the break, phones will be assigned to the new rooms with extensions.

Kristy Thompson, Transportation Director

Everything is going well. All the routes are filled with drivers. Some of the routes are challenging, but the drivers are doing a good job. Everyone is looking forward to the Christmas break, they need to relax and recharge.

We all are looking forward to the new year.

Cindy Sutherland, Food Service Director

Nothing to report at this time.

Lori Bruggema, Special Education Supervisor

Morley Stanwood Community schools currently provides special education services to 182 students district wide. This is down approximately 10 students from this time last year.

Elementary School - 100 students
Middle School - 37 students
High School - 45 students

We also currently service 17 students with 504 Plans.

Candance Nielsen, 6-12 Behavior Intervention Report

The middle school grade-level teams are excited and have been preparing to roll-out a positive reward system for supporting students each week through shout-outs and rewards starting in January!

A data-dip compared BIC referrals and suspension from semester 1 last year to this year. 23-24 Sem 1 BIC referrals were down by over 75% this semester and suspensions were reduced by 80%!

At the high school level, they too are taking first steps at starting their PBIS system of rewards and support. December has started weekly shout-outs for

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students and staff who are “Mohawk STRONG”. Kids and staff are enjoying recognizing and encouraging each other in the daily announcements. Starting in the new year, rewards will increase to honor targeted academic and behavior goals.

A data-dip at the high school level reveals that BIC referrals are down by 60% from last year semester 1 and suspension results reflect that the HS team has reduced suspension by 68%.

Kellsey Fairris, Grant Coordinator

The State Aid status report, was released on December 12th for our December 20th payment. Our 2023-2024 State Aid Membership will be based on 989 students. This is a decrease of 61 students, of which 36 were not anticipated from my beginning budget. Unfortunately, this is a loss of revenue of \$333,845.

Michigan Department of Education rolled out 29(7) Enrollment Stabilization Payments to help districts with significant decreases in pupils. Our current allocation is \$255,435. This was not accounted for in the beginning budget at it was still unknown at that time. In addition to the District Transportation Revenue (221) that we are also receiving this year, our revenue should come out relatively even with the beginning budget.

I am optimistic for this year’s budget, however it is best that we are strategic in planning future years.